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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

ROOSEVELT BELIEVED PLANNING SOME MOVE

WASHINGTON, May 8 (Reuter) — The belief is growing here that President Roosevelt is planning some move connected with the War.

Some observers give the opinion that a peace move may be made by the White House, coincidentally with an appeal by the Vatican.

President Roosevelt today suddenly cancelled the usual press conference on the plea that he was writing his speech for the Scientific Conference.

SEES WELLES

Today he lunched with Mr. Gerard, former Ambassador in Berlin, and conferred with Mr. Sumner Welles in the afternoon while it is also known that he recently had a conference with Henry Stimson, former Secretary of War.

Circles close to the White House declare that the President is interested in preventing the spread of war to Italy.

NAZI BOMBING OF AALESUND

DAMAGE TOTALS MILLIONS

LONDON, May 8 (Reuter) — The Norwegian Telegraph Agency states from somewhere in Norway that damage amounting to several million kroner was caused by the German bombing of Aalesund.

It is stated that the beautiful tourist centre of Molde was completely burnt out and the fish exporting city of Kristiansund, seen some days ago from the sea, was a wide gleam of fire.

BERLIN CLAIMS

BERLIN, May 8 (Reuter) — Two cruisers were hit in aerial attacks near Narvik, claims the German High Command communiqué which also stated that enemy positions and marching columns were successfully bombed and a British fighter was brought down.

Last Norwegian resistance in central and southern Norway has been broken. Part of an infantry regiment surrendered near Vinni and considerable quantities of war materials were seized.

NAZI ATTEMPT TO BOMB HOSPITAL SHIP

LONDON, May 8 (Reuter) — A German attempt to bomb a British hospital ship in Norway was revealed by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Butler, during question time in the Commons today.

He said that the ship was lying quite apart from all other ships at the time. The attack was unsuccessful, he added.

The French official communiqué says, "During the night, artillery activity continued on both sides at various points of the front." (B.W.S.)

Robbers Pour Kerosene After Looting Cargo

TEN PERSONS WERE BURNED TO DEATH AND 11 OTHERS SERIOUSLY INJURED, as the result of being trapped in a blazing junk on the high seas by a gang of ruthless robbers who poured kerosene oil over the craft and set it on fire after looting the entire cargo and imprisoning its 25 occupants beneath decks.

MOST OF THE DEAD BODIES, CHARRED ALMOST BEYOND RECOGNITION, have washed ashore and taken to the mortuary, while 11 stretcher cases were removed to the Kowloon Hospital where they lie in agony.

Many of them are not expected to live.

News of this terrible tragedy was brought to Hongkong only yesterday afternoon when the first survivors were brought in after being found adrift on fragments of wreckage by other craft.

The junk in question was Hongkong registered, owned by Lung Yan, and bearing No. 4080E. It carried a cargo of 2,700 tins of kerosene oil and large quantities of salt, fish, and earthenware, all of which was stolen.

There were 15 passengers aboard besides a crew of three women and ten men. The master of the vessel is among those who are dead.

Two jumped overboard and two were able to walk, though suffering from burns.

20 ARMED MEN

As far as can be gathered from the victims the craft was sailing in good weather off Sum Mun Choi, in Chinese waters, when it was attacked by a boarding party of 20 armed desperadoes from a large fishing junk. After forcing the passengers and crew below decks, the robbers imprisoned them by nailing down the hatches.

This was about 8 o'clock on the night of April 6. All night long the robbers were busy transferring the cargo. By dawn they poured the contents of a tin of kerosene oil over the junk and set it ablaze with its occupants still trapped below.

DESPERATE STRUGGLE

Hearing the crackling sound of burning wood and smelling the smoke that slowly penetrated into the hold of the craft, the victims desperately fought their way out, breaking through the nailed hatch only with the greatest difficulty.

But by the time they had secured an opening avenue of escape, the flames had reached them and many were burned before they had time even to get on deck. Others were able to rush on deck with their clothes ablaze. Two jumped overboard, and, it is feared, are lost.

CHINESE FORCES ENTER ANYI

SIUSHUL, May 8 (Central) — Ani, coveted Japanese stronghold 20 miles north-west of Nanchang, was entered by Chinese forces yesterday morning following a whole night's engagement. Braving withering machine-gun fire, Chinese troops broke through the enemy defences on the suburbs to force an entrance into the city by the west gate.

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CZECHOSLOVAK VOLUNTEERS FOR FRANCE

LONDON, May 8 (Reuter) — The first contingent of Czechoslovak volunteers left London today in a transport for France. They were addressed by Dr. E. Benes and a flag was handed to them by Mme. Benes.

The Czechoslovaks have been training in a camp in England since the outbreak of war.

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HOLLAND QUIETLY CONTINUES WITH PREPARATIONS AGAINST ATTACK: NO UNDUE ALARM

U.S. WAR

WRITER KILLED

WEBB MILLER HAS
FATAL FALL.

LONDON, May 8 (Reuter) — The death is announced of Mr. Webb Miller, distinguished American war correspondent and journalist, whose body was found on the railway near Clapham Junction today.

It is believed that he accidentally fell from the train as it was leaving the station.

Born in Polson, Michigan, in 1892, the son of a farmer, the late Mr. Miller was self-educated and was with the Chicago American from 1908 to 1918. He was in Mexico with Pancho Villa, on the Western Front in Spanish, Morocco, Gandhi's revolution in India and the Abyssinian War.

The late Mr. Miller accompanied the King and Queen on their memorable visit to the United States in June last year.

DEATH OF SIR
T. O'CONNOR,
K.C. M.P.

It was announced by the Speaker in the House of Commons yesterday, says a Reuter message from London, that the death had occurred of Sir Terence James O'Connor, Kt., K.C. M.P. (U.) for Central Uppingham since 1930 and Solicitor-General since 1936.

Sir Terence was born at Bridgnorth in 1891 and was called to the Bar in 1919. He served in the European War with the H.L.I. and the West African Frontier Force. He was a Bencher of the Inner Temple in 1936 and was M.P. (U.) for Luton from 1924 to 1929.

The late Sir Terence, who succeeded Sir Donald Somervell, K.C. M.P., present Attorney-General, took sick in 1929.

The French Minister of Labour has arrived in London for discussions with British Ministers. Yesterday had a talk with the President of the Board of Trade, says British Wireless.

France Wants National British Govt.

PARIS, May 8 (Reuter) — L'Oeuvre, commenting on the House of Commons debate, says the British have shown the greatest moral courage and stability which are the characteristic of free nations.

Victoire says: "We can no more blame on Mr. Chamberlain for Norway than M. Dalgard for Finland. We consider that no one could have acted better than Mr. Chamberlain in the same circumstances."

Jettie writes: "What the new British Government will be is our Allies' business. We would like it to be a national one. It seems indispensable it should reflect the opinion of the whole nation."

NO DETAIL FORGOTTEN

AMSTERDAM, May 8 (Reuter) — No detail is being forgotten by the military authorities in the preparations for any eventuality.

Military police are guarding all important buildings armed, in some cases, with machine-guns.

The civilian authorities are operating fully. A ceaseless watch is being maintained along the coasts while sentries are patrolling the bridges and canals.

Many families are wondering whether this time they will receive the word to evacuate.

DUTCH RADIO
STATIONS

LONDON, May 8 (Reuter) — None of the three Dutch radio stations was broadcasting this morning.

It is now learned the stations were working normally but for a certain period this morning were inaudible in London, presumably owing to atmospheric disturbance.

INDEPENDENCE OF DENMARK

LONDON, May 8 (Reuter) — During question time today, in the House of Commons, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that the restoration of the freedom and independence of Denmark was included in the Allies' war aims.

ORDERED TO LEAVE

LONDON, May 8 (Reuter) — The Norwegian Legation in Copenhagen has been ordered to leave Denmark, according to the Swedish Radio.

It added that the departure will take place tomorrow.

U.S. Pacific Fleet

Special to H. K. Daily Press

NEW YORK, May 8 (Havas) — The Navy Department has approved the request by Admiral James Richardson, Chief of Naval Operations at Honolulu, the former declaring, "The Pacific Fleet remains in Hawaiian waters in order to effect training manoeuvres."

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ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING, GREEN ISLAND HANDICAP.

2nd Day—Monday, 13th May.

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.30 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$5 each, will be held on this race but "All through" chances will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th May, 1940.

BASEBALL CLUBS WARM UP FOR SEASON

H.B. Gang In "Double" Last Sunday

BY R.O.Y.

With the official opening of the League season only two weeks away, local baseball clubs staged full dress rehearsals at Caroline Hill, last Sunday, when the H.B. Club played a hard battle against the Royal Engineers and Chung Hwa, the U.S.S. Mindanao clashing with the U.S.S. Peary in an interesting nightcap.

Feature of the Brewers-Sappers affair was the effective hurling of Bill Smith whose slow benders had even the mighty Dave Leonard shadow swinging.

That the Brewers were able to score but seven tallies, bearing in mind that the Sappers are the most recent comers to baseball, is ample evidence of the strides "Scoop" Smith has made in his pitching since last year.

Jesse Arculli was on the mound for the Beer Barons, but, as could only be expected, was hardly up to the form that made his every start a winning one in last year's pennant race.

George Souza showed that his batting eye has not been in the least affected by the change over from the much larger softball and threatens to be H.B.'s most dangerous hitter.

The Chung Hwa gang gave a very disappointing display, when they met H.B., to go down by 14 tallies to seven in a live frame fracas, in which Dave Leonard held forth on the hillock.

In this game, the Chinese boys averted a more convincing thrashing by scoring five tallies in a last inning rally, during the course of which Tuffy Chin, Wally Ching and Richard Chung garnered hits.

The winners, once again, produced the form that gave them the 1939 championship, and which will give them every chance of repeating. The Chung Hwa boys started Chin, an old-timer from Japan on the mound, but his control showed the effects of his long lay-off.

Tuffy Chin was also given a trial, but the results indicate that Chung Hwa will have to call on the pitching arms of either Wally Ching or Chang Yu, unless Hank Chang can be persuaded to take over the hurling assignment. Fans will miss Earl Wong, this season, who will be out of the game in accordance with the demands of his medics.

Lily heaved the old apple for a distance of over 178 feet, which is grand throwing in any girls' competition, and proved to be a worthy representative of our local softball lassies. Congratulations Lily.

It will come as no surprise to local softballers to hear that Miss Ma Po-kit, who shattered the National record for throwing the baseball at the South China Athletic meet recently concluded, was none other than the Chung Hwa Wildcats' Lily "Sunshine" Mar.

The following are the Recreio bowls teams for Saturday:

Division I—"B" v. Kowloon C.C. (home)

L. F. Xavier, F. X. Soares, R. F. Luz, H. A. Alves (skip); L. J. Silva, C. M. Silva, J. V. Ribeiro, F. X. Silva (skip); J. A. Luz, C. E. Marques, F. V. Ribeiro, C. G. Silva (skip).

"B" v. Kowloon D.R.C. (4 p.m.)

C. C. Pereira, D. C. Alves, Dr. A. Gutierrez, B. Basto (skip); F. A. Machado, C. H. Basto, C. A. Lopes, J. J. Basto (skip); C. F. Vas, A. A. Remedios, C. R. Costa Pereira, J. E. Noronha (skip).

Division II v. F.R.C. (4 p.m.)

M. Alarcon, A. F. Noronha, A. Rodrigues, O. P. Remedios (skip); P. M. N. Silva, J. A. Remedios, A. M. Xavier, P. Yvanovich (skip); F. A. Xavier, A. P. Pereira, E. M. Remedios, E. Souza (skip).

Division II v. Cricket Club at home

A. F. Shepherd, P. D. Crowley, J. M. Purvis and A. B. Allan (skip); J. R. Carr, F. S. Austin, A. Steven and S. Eccleshall (skip); G. J. Walker, H. Parrott, H. F. Harper and C. Strange (skip).

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COMING EVENTS

MAY

9—Tides: High 9.45 a.m. and 11.30 p.m. Low 3.39 a.m. and 1.06 p.m. Sunrise: 5.44 a.m.; Sunset: 8.55 p.m. THOUGHT FOR TODAY: We can do more good by being good, than in any other way—Rowland Hill.

Theosophical Society 1 p.m.—Speaker: Dr. A. Pung on "Destiny and Free Will."

H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Mtg. 1 p.m.—Speaker: Dr. W. W. Yen.

Y.M.C.A. Games Morning 10 a.m.; Squash Racquets Meeting, 6 p.m. Farewell to Mr. Ashton.

Cheer Club: Bridge and Mahjong. Ladies' Bible Study 216, Nathan Road, 10.30 a.m.

Cheer Club: Chess Championship Continued. St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship, 2.30 p.m.

Cathedral: Women's Fellowship Working Party. Cathedral Hall, 3.30 p.m.

R.N.Y. Police Recreation Room, Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Working Party (B.W.O.P.) 3 p.m.

H.K. Union Church Working Party (B.W.O.P.) 2.30 p.m.

10—Tides: High 10.18 a.m.; Low 4.06 a.m. and 5.48 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.45 a.m.; Sunset: 8.55 p.m. Claims against estate of Andre Charles Eugene Brand due.

Inspection of H.K.V.D.C. Nursing Detachment at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.45 p.m.

Anglo-Chinese Tiffin at H.K. Hotel, 1 p.m.

Entries close for YMCA. Billiards Tournament.

Y.M.C.A.: Badminton and Mixed Swimming, 8 p.m.

Cheer Club: Darts, Table-Tennis.

St. John's Cathedral: Interdenominational Service of Intercession, 3.30 p.m.

11—Tides: High 12.18 a.m. and 10.55 a.m. Low 4.31 a.m. and 6.25 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.44 a.m.; Sunset: 8.56 p.m. R.E.O.C.A. Social, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.

H.K. Jockey Club's Fifth Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley.

12—Cricket: Junior League Championship—Play off. Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament at G.S.C.C. 2.15 p.m.

13—H.K. Jockey Club's Fifth Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley.

14—Lawn Tennis League Spring China Underwriters, Ltd. Annual Meeting, 4a Des Voeux Road, 12 noon.

H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

M.C.L. (Police Branch): Mahjong Drive, Police Recreation Club, 3 p.m.

15—Y.M.C.A.: A.D.C. Annual Meeting, 9 p.m.

Kowloon Union Church Ladies' Guild Mahjong and Bridge Drive, 3 p.m.

16—Concert by Madame Francesca Denies at Peninsula Hotel, 9.30 p.m.

Cathedral: Women's Fellowship; Mahjong Drive, Cathedral Hall, 3 p.m.

17—Chinese Industrial Co-operatives Dinner Dance and Cabaret, Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.

Jumble and White Elephant Sale by City Guided Assn. at Sandlands Hut, 2.30 p.m.

H.K. Referees' Assn. Whist Drive, Hotel Cecil, 4.30 p.m.

H.K.V.D.C. Smoking Concert and Prize-Giving, 9 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Camera Club Meeting, 6 p.m.

18—Claims against estates of Blanche Cooke and Helen Moffat Dods due.

Entries close for YMCA. Swimming Gala.

19—Cathedral Women's Fellowship Mahjong Drive, Cathedral Hall.

20—Peak Club: Bridge and Mahjong Drive in aid of W.W.O.F., 3 p.m.

21—Rotary Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

22—Canton Insurance Office, Ltd. Annual Meeting, (Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.), 12 noon.

23—Diocesan Old Boys' Assn. Annual Meeting, 5.30 p.m.

Claims against estate of Dame Mary Ann Ackroyd due.

24—K.C.C. to present "Orders Are Orders," 9.15 p.m.

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26—Sino-American Inst. of Cultural Relations, Annual Meeting, Chinese Merchants' Club, 5.30 p.m.

27—Choral Group to present "Cavalleria Rusticana" at King's Theatre.

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Indo-China S.N. Co., Ltd. Annual Meeting, 12 noon.

31—R.A.O.C. Monthly Dinner-Speaker: Major R. D. Walker Explosives and Their Uses.

Claims against estate of Paul Jerome Todd due.

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Smashing its way through the censorship already clamped down by the warring nations of Europe, Columbia's "U-Boat 29" opens today at the King's Theatre to present a graphic, dramatic picture of wartime espionage and submarine warfare. Based upon actual incidents in the First World War, the sensational story of the new film is said to already have had its counterpart in recent events.

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10.05 Songs by Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano).

My Lord Marquise (from Die Fledermaus—Strauss); I'll Play the Innocent Country Maid (from Die Fledermaus—Strauss)—with the Vienna State Opera Orchestra. Lehns Dine Wang (Meine Wang) (Herrn Jensen); Wo Du Hingest, Da Will Auch Ich Hingest, Op. 8 (Hildach)—with Piano accom., by Leo Rosenek.

10.20 Dvorak—Symphony No. 4 in G Major, Op. 8.

Czech Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Vaclav Talich.

11.00 Close down.

Dance Music: (a) Fox-Trot—They Can't Black Out The Moon; (b) Slow Fox-Trot—My Heart Belongs to Daddy; (c) Waltz—Old Fashioned Lady; Novelty Dance—Park Parade.

Interlude: 3. (a) H.M.S. Pinafore—Selection; (b) Wee Miss Gregor Patrol.

Interlude: 4. Selection—50 Years of Song.

9.05 Vocal Items by The Mills Brothers.

Mr. Paganini (Lambert, Richards); Star Dust (Carmichael and Others).

Asleep In The Deep (Petrie, Lamb).

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Vive La France."

9.45 A Violin Recital by Yehudi Menuhin.

Concerto in G Major—Adagio (Mozart)—with Piano accom., by Louis Persinger. Perpetual Motion, Op. 11 (Paganini); Dances of the Goblins, Op. 25 (Bazzini)—with Piano accom., by Marcel Gazeau. Song of the Birds (from "Tzar's Bride"—Rimsky-Korsakov)—with Piano accom., by Herbert Giesen. Tarantella, Op. 28, No. 2 (Szymanowski)—with Piano accom., by Marcel Gazeau.

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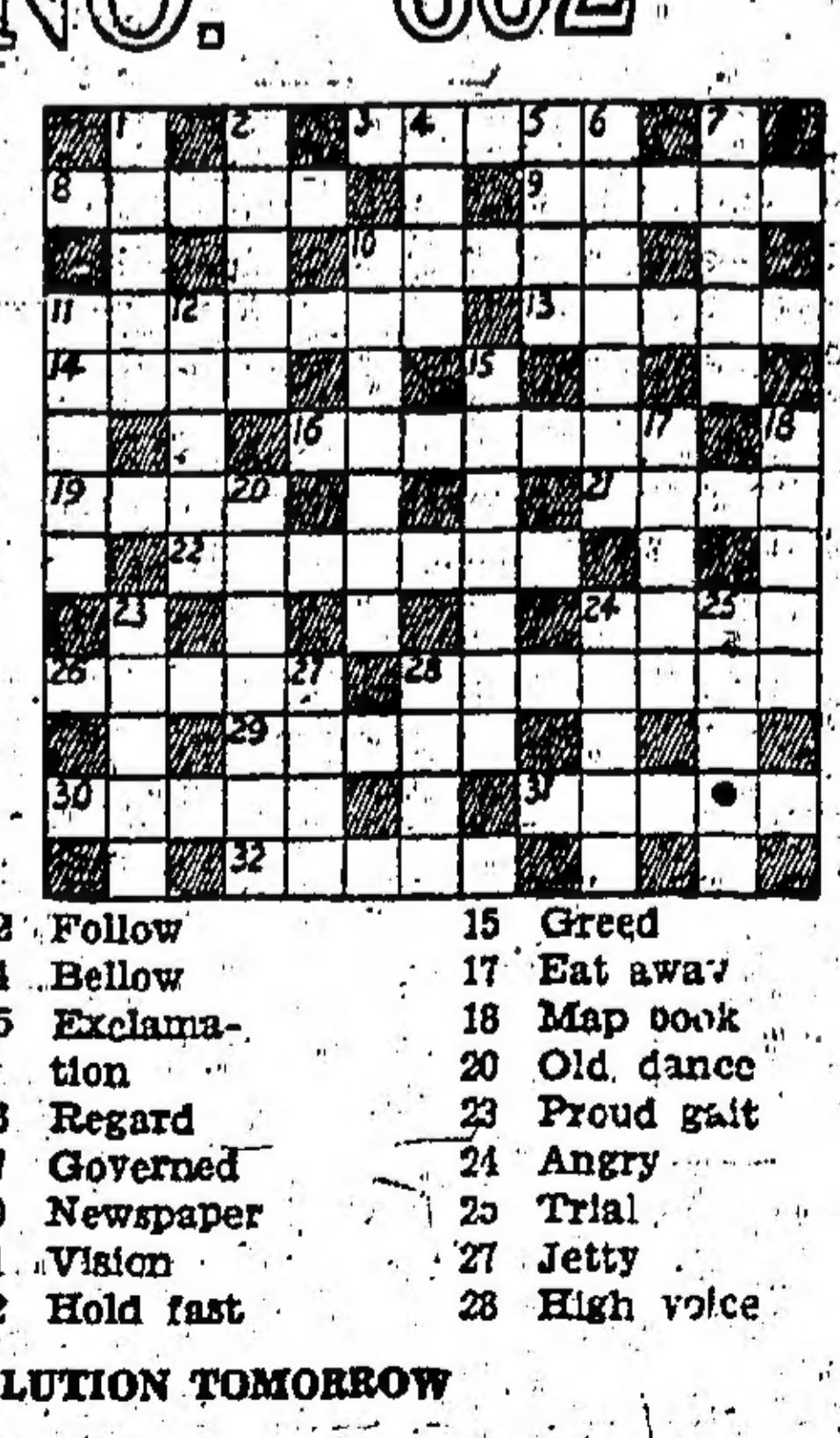
Sunday—Background to the News 11.00 p.m.

House-Breaking

Sentences totalling six months hard labour were imposed on Yeung Shing, 30, unemployed, when he pleaded guilty before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday to charges of house breaking and a breach of the Deportation Ordinance. The defendant broke into No. 187, Johnston Road and stole articles to a total value of \$75.

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FAILURE AT NORWAY WAS DUE TO TWO FACTS

THERE IS NO DIVISION IN THE CABINET

Prime Minister Appeals For More Co-operation

(The following is a continuation of Mr. Neville Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons, the first having been published in our columns yesterday.)

LONDON, May 8 (Reuters)—Mr. Neville Chamberlain referred to the gibe made at him for recently saying that Hitler had missed the bus.

He pointed out that he said this before the Germans entered Norway, and it referred to Hitler not attacking the Allies at the beginning of the war when he was ready and the Allies were not.

"While I am completely confident of ultimate victory, the people of this country cannot yet realise the extent or imminence of the threat impending against us," said the Premier.

Mr. Chamberlain added that in this debate we were giving hostages to fortune, because military advisers had advised them in the most solemn terms against the advisability of such a debate. Such a proposition was not possible in a democratic country.

There was no division in the Cabinet, he said.

Continuing his address, Mr. Chamberlain said:

TWO CAUSES

"I believe it was right to make the attempt and equally right to withdraw the troops when it was clear that the plan would not succeed (Cheers)."

"Failure was due to two facts: (1) our inability to secure aerodromes from where we could operate our fighters; (2) the rapid arrival of German reinforcements."

"We always believed that if our troops could get ashore they would not suffer heavy casualties from the air and in fact that proved to be the case. But the absence of fighters enabled the enemy to attack communications and hinder reinforcements while his own land communications enabled him to bring up ever-increasing superiority of strength."

"It became clear that we could only maintain our forces in the Trondheim region by such concentration of men, materials and aircraft as would have drawn off altogether an undue proportion of our total resources."

"We decided that we could carry on the campaign in Norway elsewhere with greater vigour and effect, and thanks to the skill and courage of all the services, we successfully withdrew from the Trondheim area."

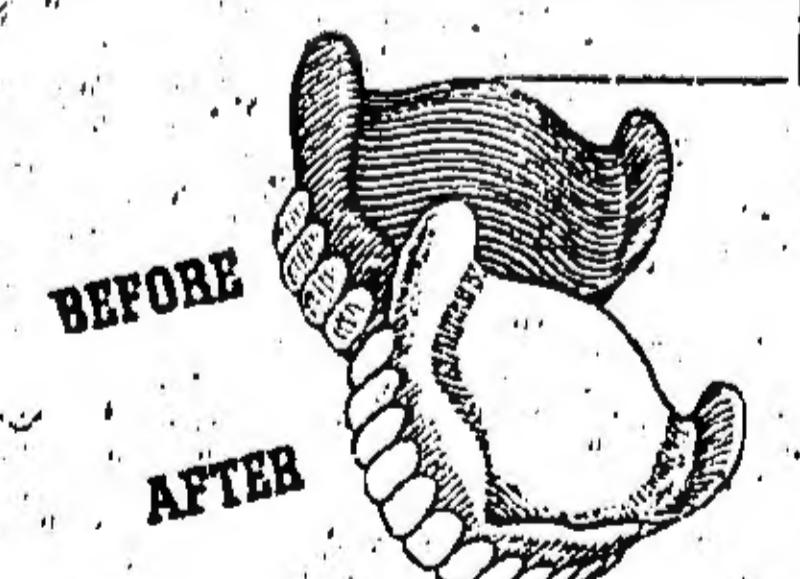
HASTY OPINIONS

"I have dealt with the principal criticism. I am going to leave my Hon. friends to fill in the details and answer technical questions, including the composition and equipment of our forces, but there are some general observations I desire to offer the House."

"First, I ask members not to form hasty opinions upon the results so far as it has gone. It is quite obvious that the Germans have made certain gains but it is equally clear that they paid a heavy price (Cheers). It is too early to say on which side the balance will finally incline."

"The campaign is not yet finished. A large part of Norway is not

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TWO HUNDRED PLANES LOST

LONDON, May 8 (Reuters)—The German air losses during the Norwegian campaign to date is estimated in London at 200 or more. British losses during the same period were about one-fifth of this, or less than 40. Most of the damage was done by the R. A. F. bombing raids on the air bases in Norway and Denmark. About 30 of the 200 were brought down by the Fleet Air Arm anti-aircraft guns.

"We could not accept that view. In a democratic country there must be criticism and those criticised must be allowed to defend themselves."

UNWORTHY SUGGESTIONS.

"In this debate four members of the Cabinet directly associated with the military conduct of the war will speak and they will be fortunate if they give nothing away."

"All are aware that attempts have been made to separate them from one another and to suggest that one or other was more responsible than his colleagues for this or that course of action."

"Such suggestions are as unworthy as untrue (Cheers)."

ONLY ONE THOUGHT

"There is no division among us. None of us has attempted to intrigue against one another."

"We have only one thought and that is how we can make our best contribution to winning the war."

"I am not unaware of suggestions—one might almost call them demands—which have been made in the House and out of it for a different kind of Cabinet."

"I am not speaking now of personal questions but to what might be called a constitutional form of Cabinet."

"Some of those who have had long experience, my colleagues Sir Maurice Hankey, Mr. Winston Churchill and myself, are agreed that it would not really save time or lead to quicker decisions if we had a Cabinet composed solely or mainly of members free from departmental work."

"It is impossible in taking decisions to ignore those who have to carry those decisions out. The Ministers who are to be responsible for executive work must be there when decisions are taken and must express their view. Therefore, whether they are inside or outside of the Cabinet does not really make any difference."

CHATFIELD'S RETIREMENT

"They will save to take their share in making those decisions."

"The fact that I have always felt unable to accept this particular suggestion does not mean that I am unwilling from time to time to make changes in the personnel or functions of members of the Cabinet."

"I would not hesitate, for example, to go outside the political field in order to find new Ministers if I thought they would serve the public interest."

Referring to the retirement of Lord Chatfield and Mr. Churchill's succession as Chairman of the Military Co-ordination Committee on the Cabinet, Mr. Chamberlain said that Mr. Churchill readily accepted the position but after he had some experience of it he suggested that in order to make his resistance to the Cabinet more effective it would be a good thing to put him into closer contact with the Chiefs of Staffs.

A GOOD IDEA

Mr. Chamberlain thought it was a good idea and after discussing the question fully with the other Service Ministers arrangements were made under which Mr. Churchill is authorised by the Cabinet on behalf of the Military Co-ordination Committee to give guidance and direction to the Chiefs of Staffs Committee who had to prepare plans to carry out objectives given by them to him.

The Chiefs of Staffs retain their collective responsibility to the Cabinet and to their Ministers, but Mr. Churchill will have special responsibility for supervision of military operations day by day.

EVERY ASPECT EXAMINED

We shall thus ensure that every aspect of military policy is examined and that the policies when decided, are followed up with promptness and energy.

In this debate we are giving hostages to fortune.

"Our military advisers have told us solemnly of the danger of holding such a discussion and urged us to try to have no debate at all."

When Opposition Must Accept Responsibility

LONDON, May 8 (Reuters)—Mr. Amery (Con.) said: "The whole conduct of the war hitherto called for a searching inquiry (cheers). There are no loyalties today except that to the common cause (cheers from all parts of the House)."

ALL LEAVE STOPPED

DUTCH SURPRISE ACTION

THE HAGUE, May 8 (Reuters)—Nothing is known definitely of the reason which prompted an order yesterday cancelling all military

He said that he did not feel that there was one sentence in the Prime Minister's speech which suggested that the Government foresaw what Germany meant to do or came to a clear decision when it knew what Germany had done or meant to do, or acted wisely or consistently throughout the whole of this lamentable affair.

The Norwegian chapter did not stand alone. It was all of a piece, without any hesitation or slowness in responding to Finland's appeal for arms and tackling all war problems.

"There is no doubt that during the past eight months the gap between the German forces and ours has been widened and if we would not go on as we were, there must be a change. (Loud Opposition cheers)."

"The next blow might fall at any moment and it might be Holland or it might be the Mediterranean. We must have a supreme war direction and we must have a proper War Cabinet similar to Mr. Lloyd George's in the Great War."

"The time will come when the Opposition must definitely take their share of responsibility and a real National Government be formed."

While the tension thus grows in all countries surrounding Germany, the Nazi press also seems to hint at the possibility of air raids on ship yards in Great Britain. This is perhaps being done with the deliberate intention of making British flesh creep.

The Inspector General of Navigation announces that the mouths of the Meuse and Rhine rivers will be closed to shipping from May 11 until May 13.

ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET

LONDON, May 8 (Reuters)—Lord Chatfield completes his five years as Admiral of the Fleet today. Admiral Sir Charles Forbes has been promoted Admiral of the Fleet in succession to Lord Chatfield. Vice-Admiral Sir Dudley North has been promoted Admiral.

If he finds the new task makes it difficult for him to fulfil work in the Admiralty as well."

In reply to a further question, Mr. Chamberlain said that Mr. Churchill did not assume his new powers before the Norwegian operations.

For the purposes mentioned, Mr. Churchill would have a small personal staff under Senior Staff Officer Major General Ismay, who had been appointed as an additional member of the Chief of Staff Command.

APPEAL CHEERED

Mr. Chamberlain concluded: "Once again I want to urge members that in these strenuous days we should do better to occupy ourselves with increasing our war effort (Loud Cheers) rather than disputing about the forms of government—in the production of material, in the production of planes, tanks, guns, munitions and all the countless articles of equipment that are required to fit out our weapons and make them useable."

"It is in the production of these things that we want organisation, energy and goodwill."

"As far as we are concerned in the Government, we are doing all we can to overtake the start which Germany had obtained in her long years of preparation."

WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT

We are getting today the whole-hearted co-operation of employers and workers. I want also to get the co-operation of the members of all parties, if not all members of the parties, in work which everyone recognises to be the prime need of the day.

"We don't set ourselves up to be faultless. We don't set ourselves above receiving help from others who are willing to help. Government, (cheers). Let us then, before fresh trials come upon us, put all our strength into this work of preparing for it, and we shall steadily increase our strength until we ourselves are to deliver our blows where and when we will."

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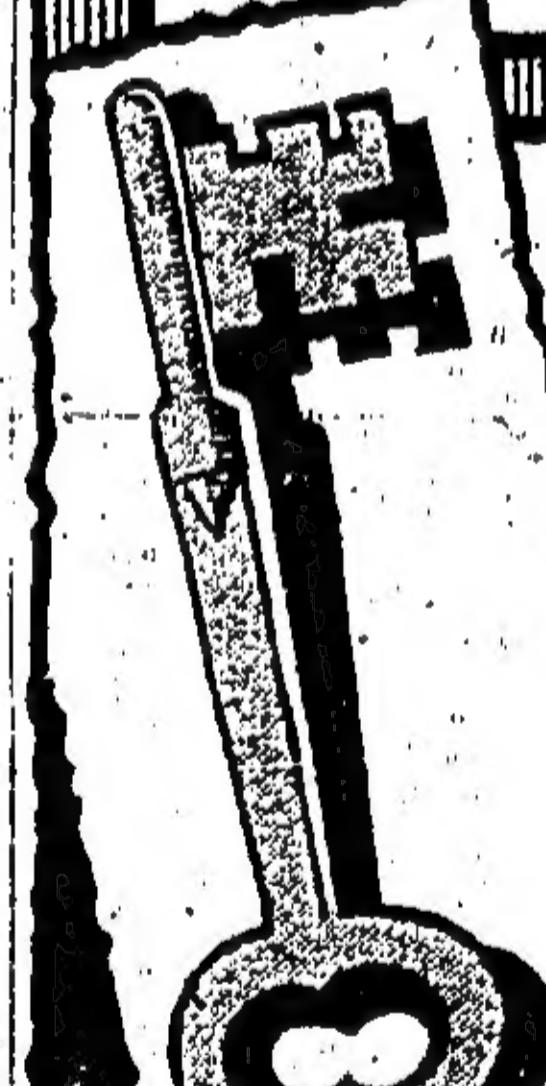
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SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

"H.M.S. Pinafore" Suggested As Next Production

A SUGGESTION WAS ADVANCED at the annual meeting yesterday of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society, held in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel, that the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, "H.M.S. Pinafore," should be produced during the coming season.

The suggestion was recorded and will be placed before the incoming Committee, which will welcome any other suggestions for the next production.

The Very Rev. J. E. Wilson, Dean of St. John's Cathedral, presided at the meeting. He was supported by Messrs. R. J. Shrigley, H. H. Priestley, H. M. Cockle (hon. secretary) and W. J. Burling (hon. treasurer).

DEAN'S ADDRESS

Addressing the meeting, the President referred to the success of the Society's production of "No, No, Nanette." When he saw it in

School For Deaf Hold A Successful Sale Of Work

A very successful sale of work was held at the School for the Deaf, No. 57, Kai Yan Road, Kowloon City, yesterday when an interesting demonstration was also given by Miss Li Luk-wa, Principal of the School, of how the children are taught.

The function was presided over by Lady Noble.

Lady Pollock, the Rev. J. R. Higgs, the Rev. H. D. Rosenthal and Miss P. Harrop were among the large gathering present.

A short prayer was said by the Rev. Lee Kau-yan, after which Miss Li introduced Lady Noble.

Miss Li said it was very kind of Lady Noble to come, as she was a particularly busy person, and she (Miss Li) was very grateful to her for having consented to open this second annual exhibition and sale of work.

WONDERFUL PATIENCE

Lady Noble replied that she was very glad of an opportunity to be present on such an occasion. She had visited the School the other day and seen the pupils at work. She considered the patience of the teachers wonderful and the progress the students made was so rapid that it was almost unbelievable.

It is understood that plans are on foot for the building of new premises for the school on Diamond Hill where it is expected that a lease of land from the Government will be obtained.

THEFT DURING A FIGHT

Charged with larceny of a gold wrist watch, valued at \$144, and a fountain pen from Mu Ping-fu, a student, during a fight in Un Chau Street on Tuesday, three Chinese youths and a 13-year-old boy appeared before Mr. Q. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Court yesterday.

The defendants were Wong Yuk, 23; Tsoi Luk-yun, 18, Li Kwok-pui, 18, and the juvenile. The third and fourth defendant were charged only with aiding and abetting the other two.

Det-Sergt. Macpherson, prosecuting, asked that a remand of 48 hours be granted as it was possible that further charges would be preferred against defendants.

CONTRACTORS FINED

The management of the Sun Tai firm of contractors was fined \$10 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday on a summons for cutting and removing stones from Tytan Tuk without a permit from the Government.

Mr. W. E. Hollands, of the P.W.D., said that the defendant firm had taken orders for construction work near the reservoir and he saw the workmen taking stones from Government land without a permit. There was also some blasting in the vicinity of the reservoir.

Mr. M. W. Lo, who appeared on behalf of the defendant firm, pleaded guilty and said that it was through a mistake that the firm had failed to apply for a permit. He denied that there had been any blasting in the area by any employees of the defendant firm.



Mr. Lam Kwok-fai and his bride, formerly Miss Mema Cheung, after their wedding at the Registry. (King's Studio.)

Wedding At St. Andrew's

An Imperial Airways plane

which left Bournemouth, England, on April 25, calling at Rome, Egypt, Calcutta and Burma,

brought a fair bride to Hongkong on May 1. Her marriage took place yesterday at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, in a quiet ceremony at which a few intimate friends were present.

She was Miss Margaret Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Baker of Liverpool, and was married to Mr. Douglas Keating, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire.

Mr. G. Steed, branch manager of the China Electric Co., Ltd., left Hongkong for Canton on Tuesday.

Mrs. Helen Lockhart, of Hongkong, is suffering from an acute of tonsillitis.

Mr. F. A. Dinsdale, of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, Canton, who was in Hongkong, returned to Canton on Tuesday.

The bride was given away by Dr. Kirby-Gomes, and Mrs. Olive Finnie acted as maid of honour, with Miss Haynes as bridesmaid. Mr. Brooks was best man.

The bride wore a dove grey ensemble and carried a bouquet of red and white roses. After the ceremony, a reception was held at the Peninsula Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Keating will spend their honeymoon at Repulse Bay.

WALTERS-FOX

The marriage took place yesterday at the Registry, Supreme Court, of Mr. Alfred Joseph Walters, marine engineer of the ss-Kai Tung and a popular figure in South China shipping circles, and Miss Emeline Fox, youngest daughter of the late Mr. W. W. Fox of the Hongkong Education Department, and Mrs. Fox.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiated. The witnesses were Messrs. J. Anderson and M. F. Houghton.

In the evening, a reception and banquet was given at the Ying King Restaurant. The honeymoon will be spent in Singapore and Malaya.

MADSEN-PETERSEN

Other Registry marriages yesterday were between Mr. G. Madsen, chief officer of the ss-Daviken, and Miss Agnete Bastiansen Petersen, and Mr. Benito Sam Lee, merchant, of No. 37 Taipo Road, and Miss Victoria Lau Koo, of No. 18 Fuk Wing Street.

BLACK-OUT FINE

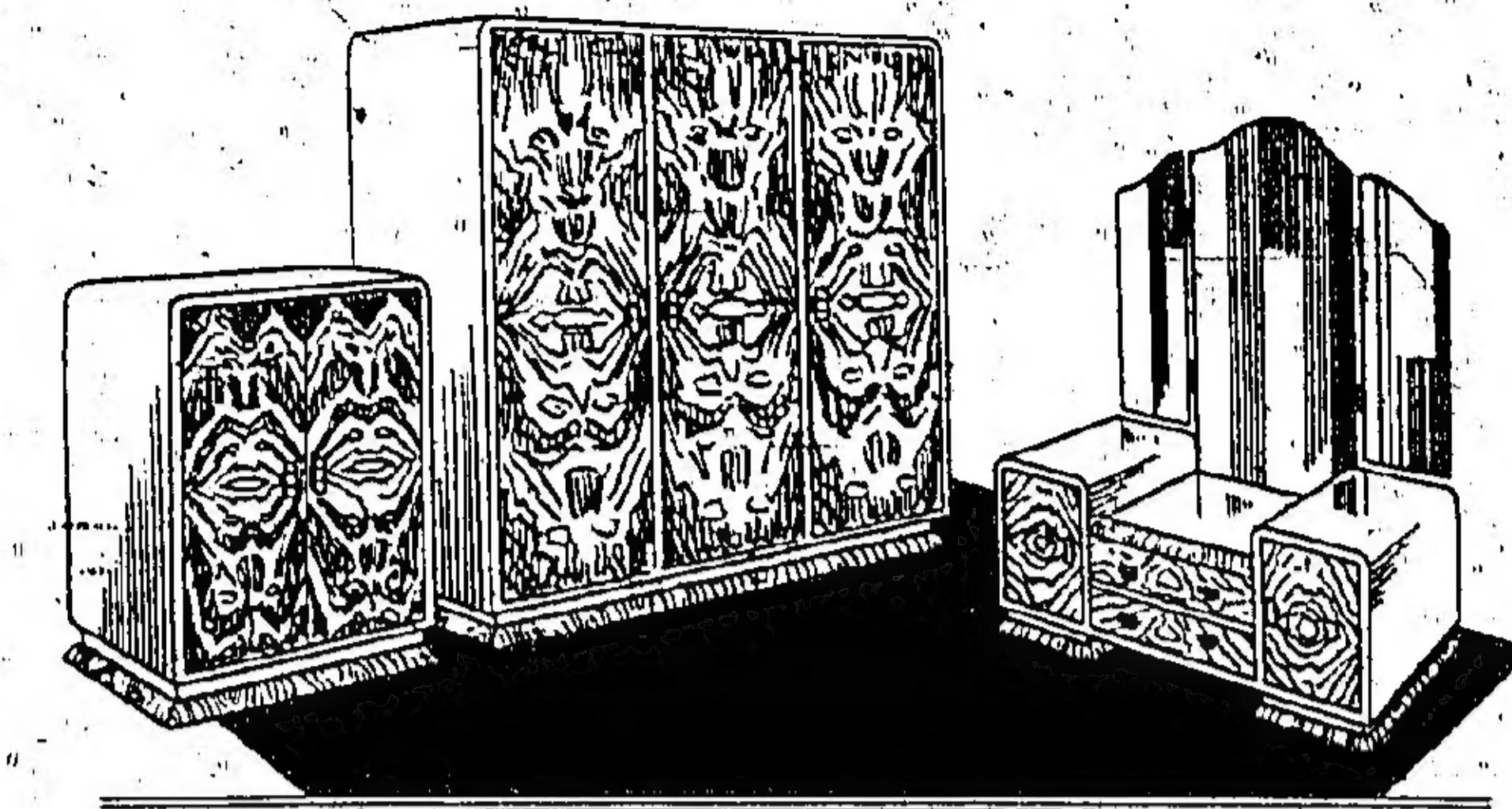
Mrs. A. Marriner, of No. 116, Austin Road, was fined \$20 by Mr. Q. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Court yesterday when summoned for driving a car in Kowloon on the night of April 11 during the period of black-out without the lights being properly shaded.

She was also summoned for failing to notify the police of her change of address from the Gloucester Hotel to Austin Road.

It was stated that defendant was driving from Haiphong Road towards Nathan Road at 7.15 p.m. with the car's head-lights on. A fine of \$20 was imposed.

A fine of \$25 was also imposed on Kurt Wilkens, a Danish subject, who was summoned for the same offence. Mrs. Clara Davidovich, a Swiss lady, residing at No. 44, Hillwood Road, was fined \$10 for failing to report the change of her business address.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

In the matter of the Estate of JOHN MACKELLAR, formerly of S.S. "ANJOU", Master Mariner, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court has, by virtue of Sec: 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an order limiting the time to the 4th day of June, 1940, for creditors & others to send in claims against the above estate to the undersigned.

Dated this 7th day of May, 1940.

Sd. L. R. ANDREWES,
Official Administrator.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 14th day of May, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal, at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three years thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant), will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
1 Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4823.		Junction of Tong Mi Road and Bute Street, Mong Kok.	N. 34' 0" S. 34' 0" E. 34' 0" W. 34' 0"	33,158	90	273
2 Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4254.		Junction of Tong Mi Road and Arran Street, Mong Kok.	N. 34' 0" S. 34' 0" E. 34' 0" W. 34' 0"	348	4	274

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plicants must be British subjects.

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CHINA UNDERWRITERS,
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NOTICE is hereby given that the
Sixteenth Annual Ordinary
General Meeting of Shareholders
of China Underwriters, Limited,
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Company, 4A, Des Voeux Road
Central, Hong Kong, on Tues-
day the Fourteenth day of May,
1940, at noon for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the
Board of Directors and a State-
ment of Accounts for the year
ended 31st December, 1939, and
of electing Directors and Audi-
tors.

The Transfer Books and Re-
gister of Members of the Com-
pany will be closed from the 6th
May, 1940, to the 14th May,
1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
HERBERT R. STURT,
Managing Director.
Hong Kong, 1st May, 1940.

"TOO LATE"

"TOO LATE" again seems
to have been the key-note of the criticism which has thus far been levelled at the statement which the Prime Minister made in the House of Commons' debate on Tuesday to explain the circumstances which led to the withdrawal of Allied troops from Southern Norway.

The speeches made by the Labour and Liberal Opposition leaders reflected in no uncertain terms the anxiety of the British public to have a satisfactory explanation from the Government. And, if that explanation was not satisfactory, to demand that steps be taken to prevent a recurrence of such distressing events by the inclusion of more vigorous and efficient men within that inner circle which is responsible for the conduct of operations in the fight against Nazism.

No one will attempt to deny that most of the charges made against the Prime Minister and his Cabinet colleagues are justified. Stolidly as Mr. Chamberlain tried to defend the position of the Government—and he was perfectly straightforward in assuming full responsibility with the Cabinet for what transpired in Norway—it has become evident that the Prime Minister is now a really tired man whose parochial methods are a misfit and whose policy has always been tempered by an ultrastrict adherence to principles of conduct.

IT WAS when Mr. Chamberlain made the remark that he had permitted the debate on Tuesday to be held "in the face of opposition from the Cabinet's military advisers" that he admitted the weakness of his Cabinet organisation. The Opposition speakers were quick to seize on this admission and, no doubt with a good deal of important information in their possession as to the real circumstances under which the campaign in Norway was conducted, have made a demand for further details of the organisation, preparation and equipment of the troops that were sent to the Norwegian front. This, then, must be taken as the reaction of the British public to the Premier's statement—an attitude that is based on the

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
1 New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 9791.		Junction of Yan Chau Street & Sham Shui Po.	N. 28' 0" S. 28' 0" E. 28' 0" W. 28' 0"	286	9	270
2 New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 9790.		Junction of Tong Mi Road and Arran Street, Mong Kok.	N. 34' 0" S. 34' 0" E. 34' 0" W. 34' 0"	33,158	90	271

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Picture taken at the Sale of Work held by the School for the Deaf, in Kowloon City, yesterday afternoon. Lady Noble, who opened the function, is seated in the centre with Miss Li Luk-wa, Principal of the School, on her right.

SANDY GROUSES ABOUT THE RUM RATIONS

Germans Are Poor Shots, He Declares

LONDON, May 8 (Reuter)—They are damn poor shots, these Jerries, they are not the same Germans as in the last war, said a Sapper, a Scotsman, who was a member of the Expeditionary force to Norway, and who landed in Britain on Monday, in a broadcast from Daventry.

They landed at Aandalsnes on a quiet moonlit night, he began. Next morning they went to Dombas by train. Jerry bombed the whole railway and set all the wagons on fire.

They went on to Otta, a nice wee village some 30 or 40 miles down Gudbrands Valley and then, getting into two civilian lorries, the sappers went up to the front line to make craters in the road and thus hold up the German tanks. Part of the section were then put into the front line. Some were a bit shaky at first, but I, as an old soldier, bucked them up a bit until we were all ready to bayonet Jerry if he came over the top, he went on.

STAYED AWAY

They were behind a wall and the only way the Germans could get at them was to bomb them. The Germans, however, stayed away and fired at them from a distance with machine guns. If they had come they would have wiped the whole party out on the spot, but they were poor shots and contented themselves with setting the village and surrounding woods on fire.

The sappers went back to Otta and prepared bridges for blowing up. They worked all night and the next morning a section went further back, leaving our Scotsman and a lance corporal to guard the bridge.

BOMBED BRIDGES

German planes came over and bombed for hours, dropping from 400 to 500 bombs. They did not kill so much as eat, he went on, and the only thing they did was to set the trees on fire.

There were 17 detonators on the bridge and our Scotsman would have liked to delay blowing it up until the Germans were on it but everything was worked out to schedule and this was not possible. Troops would come over at 9.30 o'clock and the bridge would be blown up at 9.45 exactly. At 10.10 they left the scene, and trudging along the railway they found a hand-trolley and with its help caught up with the main body. They almost got shot as they came up but were saved when the trolley fell off the rails. They later got a train to take them to Dombas.

"HITCH ABOUT RUM"

Pausing in his story, this old soldier voiced a complaint about rum rations. There was a hitch

INDIA'S WAR EFFORT

Every rifle used by the Army in India is made at the factory at Ishapore in Bengal, from steel supplied by the Metal and Steel Factory, also at Ishapore, and wood grown in Kashmir. In time of war these rifles are also exported overseas.

The proposal to start a rifle factory was first made in 1901; the first rifle was produced in 1907. Since 1935 light automatic rifles also have been produced at this factory.

The Metal and Steel Factory, which dates from 1892, turns out the steel required by all Ordnance factories in India. Its chief products are gunforgings, shell-forgings, cartridge cases, and other component parts of weapons and ammunition.

SHANGHAI, May 8 (Reuter)—The French Consul-General in Shanghai, M. Marcel Baudez, left for France this morning aboard the m.v. Felix Rousset.

THE HAGUE, May 8 (Reuter)—All leave for the Dutch army and navy has been stopped. The order also applies to workers in war industries, the anti-aircraft battery and searchlight crews.



Mr. Douglas Keating and his bride, formerly Miss Margaret Baker, of Liverpool, after their marriage at St. Andrew's Church yesterday.

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SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR'S OUTSPOKEN AND SEVERE CRITICISM

Our Position Has Been Weakened Everywhere

LONDON, May 8 (Reuters)—Sir Archibald Sinclair, after associating himself with the tributes to the courage and will of the Allied fighting forces in Norway, said he was not surprised that the Chiefs of Staff had felt some anxiety about what might be said in the course of the debate.

He, however, was sorry that Mr. Chamberlain had mentioned the matter because their debates must be no suggestion at all either from outside, from military officers, or from any other direction of hints or advice as to how they were being conducted.

"I am not at all sure that if we" Stockholm reports for their may wished to indulge in a 'soft' speech, colour, agree that the Stock which is the last thing in which home reports were the worst. I desire to indulge we might not without misleading news to the say it would be a good idea but better to keep it to the Ministers themselves would be made to me by British keep in their own hands our journalists by representatives of contacts with the press and that Empire newspapers, and by foreign it would be better to all contacts with the press or more was carried out by the Ministers and if statements made on behalf of the Government were made by the Ministers and not by professional staff officers.

"I do not wish to criticize any more than Mr. Attlee has criticized the Government's decision to evacuate Norway when they were advised by the Chiefs of Staff that it was impossible to carry on to a successful conclusion the operations for the capture of Fredrikshavn.

"It seems to me in those circumstances that Government was abundantly right to act on the advice of their military advisers. Our criticism and examination might be directed to the question of why we ever got ourselves into a position in which we had to accept defeat in Norway.

"It is, however, not a major military disaster. Nothing has happened to shake our confidence in the courage and efficiency of our fighting forces, and to weaken our resolve to win the war, but something has happened which does suggest that more foresight and energy and stronger and more ruthless will to victory is required in the supervising of our war efforts.

But if the military consequences of our defeat in Norway are not comparable to those we suffered in the last war then it is still sufficiently unpleasant.

ECONOMIC ASPECTS

"I shall not exaggerate but we must face facts and not dig our heads into the sand. The casualties were not negligible. The loss of material was not negligible either. We lost numbers of certain weapons and warships of which our prospective supply for some time ahead is insufficient for our needs.

"Other consequences, however, are much more serious. The Prime Minister did not touch on the economic aspect of them. We have lost all our supplies from Norway, Denmark and Sweden and all Baltic countries. The Baltic is sealed to us, and we must not forget the 570,000 tons of iron ore which we imported from Narvik and which is, in the meantime—and must be, I am afraid, for some time to come—out of

"Let us be clear that when we do take Narvik we shall find that the Germans have destroyed everything of value in that place.

"Diplomatically our position has been weakened in every country in the world. The complacent and ill-founded boasting of Ministers contrasts fully with the hard and swift blows of the German forces, for in war it is only results which count. Another serious loss we have suffered is the blow to the credit of our press and the BBC."

MISLEADING REPORTS

"The Prime Minister blames the

EXPROPRIATED OIL PAYMENTS

MEXICO CITY, May 8 (Reuters)—The Ministry of Finance announced that President Cárdenas has approved the agreement signed in Washington by the Mexican Ambassador under which four oil companies will receive U.S.\$2,500,000 for their expropriated properties.

The greatest importance is attached here to the agreement as it constitutes a break in the united front adopted by foreign oil companies whose property had been taken over. All four companies are under the Sinclair control.



Gen. Olof Thorhell, Commander-in-Chief of the Swedish troops.

Empire Air Training

MELBOURNE, May 8 (Reuters)—

The Air Minister, Mr. J. V. Fairbairn announced that 2,000 pilots, 1,200 observers and gunners will be called up under the Empire Air Training Scheme before the end of the year.

He added that the first Australian air crew personnel will be leaving for Canada for advanced training in August.

4,764 ALLIED TROOPS WERE EVACUATED

NEW YORK, May 8 (Reuters)—

Sir Archibald Sinclair denied that the British forces ought to have been ready and practising as the Germans were practising for the Norwegian operations.

Continuing, he said: "Now that the Germans are secure in Trondheim, Britain's best gateway into Sweden is closed. If the occupation of Trondheim was not feasible, this Norwegian expedition ought never to have been undertaken. It was a feasible operation then it ought to have been undertaken with ruthless determination."

"The Germans may have sacrificed a third of their Fleet, but that Fleet helped to win a campaign which is more than the Kaiser's Fleet ever succeeded in doing."

"A WISE GENERAL"

The Prime Minister has condemned the Germans for their disregard of life in bringing reinforcements. A wise general does not throw away the lives of his troops without regard to the object to be achieved, but 10,000 must surely be an exaggerated estimate of the German losses in the Skagerrak, and it was not a great sacrifice to pay for a victorious modern battle, let alone a campaign.

"The Germans pushed resolutely through Oslo while we hesitated outside Trondheim."

Sir Archibald supported Mr. Attlee's contention that seasoned troops and not Territorials should have been sent to Norway, and severely criticised the Government for not supplying white coats and sandwiches to the men.

At one place two anti-aircraft guns were landed but they had an unsatisfactory type of mounting and they had not trained men to work the guns, and had no range axes and were utterly useless.

FIRST LORD INTERVENES

One transport had no chronometer or barometer, or International Code Book, and it had no arms, not even a rifle and the food aboard was for less than half the men. She carried a small party of wounded soldiers but here was no medical attention.

Replying to an interjection by Mr. Wilson, Churchill, Sir Archibald Sinclair said that he would inform the First Lord of the Admiralty of the name of the ship privately. He hoped that no one would suffer because of his having communicated this information.

WHAT OF SWEDEN

Concluding, Sir Archibald dealt with Sweden and said that an ultimatum to Sweden in the next week or two would not be surprising. Now that Sweden was surrounded, he asked if the British Government could help her to resist invasion from Germany.

"Time is not always on our side. Hitler has taken an old man by the beard on this occasion. We must show equal swiftness and vigour in action if we are to win the war," he concluded.

Many Government supporters thought the Prime Minister's

CABLES

No Telephone Service

DUTCH LINES HELD UP

LONDON, May 8 (Reuters)—Conflicting reports are afloat regarding the alleged suspension of Dutch telephone services.

The Berlin correspondent of the "New York Daily News" reports that tension in Berlin is more apparent than on the eve of the invasion of Norway and Denmark, and states that the extraordinary delays in the telephones between Holland and Germany are connected with reports that Holland and Belgium will be the next scene of German action.

A Paris message, however, states that Franco-Dutch telephones are working normally while London telephone headquarters early this morning informed Reuters that telephone services from Amsterdam had been suspended since last night. However, calls are still bookable from London to Amsterdam.

A Brussels message states that the Belgo-Dutch telephone service was suspended this morning until 8 a.m.

JAPAN'S CHANGE OF STRATEGY

KWEILIN, May 8 (Central)—Speaking at a combined weekly memorial service, General Pai Chung-hsi, Director of the Generalissimo's Southwestern Provincial Headquarters, stated that there has been an obvious and important change in Japan's military strategy in that instead of penetrating further into the interior, the invaders now seem to devote their full power to reduce the Chinese, Tungy's field strength.

In south Kwangsi, north Kiangsi and north Hupeh, over scattered fields east of the Peiping-Hankow, and Canton-Hankow railways, the Japanese army's slogan is to mop up more and advance less. Extended lines were abandoned to preserve hitting strength. This change in Japan's strategy was entirely brought about by China's resistance in the last three years and the development of the international situation, which forbids Japan to stake her last resources in any risky move to liquidate her China adventure.

Supplementing this military restraint Japan has intensified her political and economic offensive. We are, however, prepared and will never allow Japan to exploit Chinese resources to pay for her military aggrandizement. Cardinal points for the coordination of China's military, political and economic strength were decided at the Nanyueh conference under Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and these will be vigorously carried out.

Pointing out that Germany had done her best to create trouble in south-east Europe, it adds: "Despite incitements, false accusations and wilful exaggeration of German agents, the Balkan leaders are preserving their sense of balance, and they know that British and French and also Turkish policy is genuinely concerned to help them to remain stable and keep the aggressors at bay."

U.S. VERY MUCH INTERESTED

LONDON, May 8 (Reuters)—T. A. Cabinet has banned general trips to China as from May 20.

Prior to the Cabinet's decision, Mr. Hachiro Arita, the Foreign Minister, and General Kuniaki Koiso, the Minister for Overseas Affairs, explained that Japanese tourists spend about 100,000,000 yen in China a year.

Since the beginning of the China Incident in July, 1937, according to official figures, Japanese tourists who have visited China totalled 580,000, averaging 200,000 a year. Today's ban is expected to reduce their number to 2,000.

Japanese residents in China now total 345,732, compared with some 28,000 in 1937.

No Immediate Crisis

LONDON, May 8 (Reuters)—Reuters' Lobby Correspondent says that the Labour Party decided to take no action last night regarding the Prime Minister's statement. The Executive Parliamentary Labour Party will meet in the House of Commons at 10.30 a.m. today to consider the situation arising out of the debate, and there will be a full meeting of the Parliamentary Party at 11.30 a.m. at which the whole matter will be thoroughly surveyed.

The present reaction to the Prime Minister's statement is that there will be no immediate political crisis. The Party is critical of the whole situation, but many of the Government supporters will be found behind the Government in the event of a challenge being made regarding the Government's competence to carry on the war. Such a challenge is one of the possible outcomes of tomorrow's Labour Opposition meeting.



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DUBOIS MURDER SEQUEL

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The Hongkong Government yesterday announced the offer of rewards of \$500 each for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the two men wanted in connection with the attempted robbery last week at Sennet Frères and the murder of the manager, Mr. J. Dubois.

The man who sustained a bullet wound in his hand and who was captured is recovering at the Queen Mary Hospital. It is understood, and his early appearance in court is likely.

Meanwhile, police experts are carrying out tests on the .32 calibre revolver which was found in a post office box on Tuesday. It is known that a similar bullet was the one that caused the death of Mr. Dubois.

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He leaves two sons and six daughters.

Educated in elementary day schools, he went to Australia in 1884 returning a year later to enter the business of his father-in-law.

He was First Commissioner of Works between 1929-31; Leader of the Labour Party between 1931-35; had been Borough Councillor 1919-20 and 1936-37.

He was twice sent to prison for his political activities.

CHINESE ART FOR AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

for the work done by American missionaries in China.

Members of the Chinese diplomatic and consular staffs in this country were present along with representatives of Chinese papers, Fathers A. Escalante and Martin Burke of the Maryknoll Missionary Society, represented their colleagues in China.

Mr. Chang had never painted a religious subject, it was stated prior to his conversion to Catholicism three years ago. On his present world tour, it was said, he has raised about \$200,000 (U.S. currency).

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DEBATE ON THE WAR

COMMONS MUST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

"We Want Different People At Helm"

MR. ATTLEE STRONGLY ATTACKS CABINET

LONDON, May 8 (Reuters)—Taking part in the House of Commons debate, Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Labour Opposition Leader, began by warmly paying tribute to the fighting forces, including the French and Norwegians. He expressed sympathy with the people of Norway and also expressed his admiration of the skill with which the difficult evacuation was carried out.

"We had an experience of it in the last war and, it was rendered far more difficult by the air arm. It was a wonderful feat of arms, but after all it is retirement."

"The Prime Minister's speech on Thursday was over-optimistic and over-copplacent. Mr. Churchill's speech was far too optimistic. It is no use the Prime Minister telling us not to come to hasty conclusions. There are some very hasty conclusions in those speeches."

"The Prime Minister asked us to suspend judgment. I think it is very difficult, in the light of events, to say that this campaign has been to our advantage as the Premier said on Thursday."

Yesterday the Prime Minister struck a different note—a good deal more of excuse and explanation.

"No-one wishes to give the handle to the enemy, but we have a service and a duty to the nation to examine the events that have occurred. We have to face facts. We are not afraid to face facts."

MORE GUIDANCE

"High hopes had been raised in the speeches of Ministers, in the press and over the wireless. I think it extraordinarily ill-advised that people should have had their spirits raised by accounts which encouraged them to imagine that everything was going wonderfully well. I think they should have been given more guidance."

"We are paying the penalty because after the great expectations, there is naturally disappointment."

"We realise that we must bear in mind the requirements of larger strategy, but this was never intended to be a mere 'hit-and-run' expedition."

NO COUNTER MOVES?

Mr. Attlee wanted to know whether we got any intelligence and whether such intelligence as we got was properly used. "I have been told that the detailed plans for the seizure of Norway by the German General Staff had been known to us many years. I want to know whether we were working out what could have been done to counter those plans."

"The question which strikes me immediately is the vital matter of bases. The first condition should have been that bases should be reasonably safe from air and water. Surely the time factor was all important."

"The Germans landed only a few troops at selected places, but if they were given time, it was clear that they could bring up reinforcements which would make a difficult."

RISKS WERE NECESSARY

"The vital thing was to obtain an air base. This was a risky operation, but risks had to be taken. I want to know whether the Government had a settled plan or whether they acted hurriedly."

"Norvik is really secondary. Stavanger or Trondheim were the real points of importance. It does not seem that the Government realised the importance of the air weapon until after the event."

Mr. Attlee continued: "What I cannot understand is the rapid dispersal of all these troops at the time when that was done. The Finnish war ended in March and the Government decided some time after that to lay mines off Norway on April 8. I should have thought that in the event of having that in mind they would have kept in being this force in case of a German counterstroke."

Mr. Attlee said that he gathered that some troops were kept together. He wanted to know whether these troops were adequate and whether the necessary equipment was there, the necessary aircraft and the ships necessary to take them. He wanted to know whether they were the right kind of troops. He had been informed that we had a body of troops, trained men who could ski, ready for the Finnish campaign. He was told that they were dispersed and put on other kinds of jobs.

SEASONED MEN WANTED

Was that so in view of the possibility of a campaign in Norway? People are asking whether these are the troops who ought to have been sent there. I have heard stories about young boys with very little training being sent.

GENERAL

ADMIRAL SIR ROGER KEYES EXPLAINS FOR THE ROYAL NAVY

LONDON, May 8 (Reuters)—Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, who was in uniform, was loudly cheered in the House of Commons yesterday when he described the suggestion that the British Navy had run away to Alexandria as a "damned insult." This was followed by laughter in which Sir Roger heartily joined.

The Admiral declared that it was not the fault of the Navy that the German warships and transports were not followed into Norwegian ports and destroyed as they were at Narvik.

In his opinion, which was supported by authoritative Norwegian information, the naval hazards of an attack on Trondheim would have been trifling compared to those that had been overcome in other operations which he had organised and led. (cheers).

URGED ACTION

Since April 16 he had been urging the Admiralty to take more vigorous action in Norway and to let him take all responsibility for organising and leading the attack.

He was told that there was no difficulty in going into Trondheim Fjord but that it was not considered necessary as the Army was making good progress and the situation in the Mediterranean made it undesirable to risk ships.

Sir Roger Keyes suggested that old ships might have been used, the loss of which would not have affected the strength of the Fleet.

DOCK WORKERS RETURN

SHANGHAI, May 8 (Reuters)—After refusing to work for nearly two months, demanding pay increases and a special rice allowance, three hundred of the nine hundred workers of the Shanghai Dockyards returned to work yesterday.

It is hoped that the strike, which is among the longest and most serious here in recent years, will be settled this week.

INTELLIGENCE and there was not the necessary concentration on essential objectives. I am asking whether at any time there was not delay and discussion when action was necessary.

CABINET NOT EFFICIENT

I am not by any means satisfied despite all that, the Prime Minister has said that the present War Cabinet is an efficient instrument for conducting the war (Hear! Hear!) It has been criticised in this House over and over again. It has been criticised by men of wide experience in the Press and elsewhere. It is wrong in principle and it only be justified by success, and it has not had to success."

Mr. Attlee declared: "Frankly, I do not think it fair to put Mr. Churchill in the position of presiding" at the Admiralty and being Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff. That is the man in charge of major strategy and should also be in command of a particular unit.

"Mr. Churchill has had very great difficulties and it is not fair to put him in an impossible position."

NOT SHAKEN

Mr. Attlee continued: "Our friends have been disheartened. We have had a reverse, but we have had reverses before and none of us is in the slightest degree shaken. In his faith that we are going to win the war (cheers). When we have reverses, the essential thing is that we should learn from them (cheers). I have no doubt whatever of the courage and constancy of all the people in this country provided they are sure that they are getting the right leadership (Opposition Cheers)."

WIDESPREAD ANXIETY

The Government will be blind and deaf if they do not realise that there is widespread anxiety among the people of this country—people of all kinds of views and all kinds of thoughts—that they are not satisfied that the war is being waged with sufficient energy, intensity, drive and resolution (Hear! Hear!).

It is not Norway alone. Norway comes as a culmination of many other discontents. People are saying that those mainly responsible for the conduct of affairs have had an almost uninterrupted career of failure (Opposition Cheers), in Norway, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

TOO LATE

Everywhere the story is "Too Late." The Prime Minister talks about missing buses. The Government have missed a number of buses since 1931; they missed all the peace buses and caught the war bus. The people found these men consistently wrong in their judgments. The same people who thought Hitler would attack Czechoslovakia; who thought Hitler would be appealed, seemed not to have realised that Hitler would attack.

DIFFICULT BUSINESS

I ask whether action was taken in time. The Germans landed at Trondheim and it was ten days after the war before we landed at Namsos and Andalsnes. The question is how far had the Government gone in making plans, and it does not alter the fact that the campaign in southern Norway has been a failure. It is no good suggesting that you can start again and come down from Narvik. This is a terribly difficult business.

NOT ENOUGH INTELLIGENCE

There was also the stopping of reinforcements. We could not stop reinforcements from the air, but we certainly got a more optimistic note of what the fleet could do from Mr. Churchill.

In considering the inception of the expedition, one of the vital factors was how far could you be successful in preventing reinforcements. There was not adequate in-

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

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COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, May 7, 1940.
SINGAPORE RUBBER
S P O T 37 1/8 37 cts. 37 cts. off 1/8
J U L Y - S E P T . 35 5/8 35 1/2 35 5/8 unch.
O C T . - D E C . 34 3/4 34 5/8 34 7/8 up 1/8
The market was steady.

LONDON RUBBER Previous close Today's close
buyers buyers Change
11 5/16 11 5/16 unch.

S P O T 11 3/8 11 3/8
J U L Y - S E P T . 11 7/16 11 7/16
O C T . - D E C . 11 7/16 11 3/8 off 1/16
J A N . - M A R C H 11 5/16 11 1/4 off 1/16

"After rising steady, the market eased on lack of interest.

NEW YORK COTTON: There was no particular trend today. The market is awaiting the progress of the crop and developments at Washington regarding the farm measure. There was some selling on the continued weakness of Sterling, which was, however, largely absorbed by the Trade.

NEW YORK RUBBER: Eastern offerings were light and at firm basis, reflecting the difficulties with regard to shipping and freight space. There was some good dealer and commission-house demand and factory accumulation of distant months.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Further heavy rains are beginning to cause apprehension regarding crop damage to restrain short sales.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 147.33; Today's close, 147.74; Change, up 4 1/4.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
	Prev.	Today's			
New York Cotton, July	10.29	10.21	10.30	10.25	.05 off
New York Rubber, July	19.73	19.49	19.80	19.72	.12 up
Chicago Wheat, Sept.	105	104	104	104	1/4 off
Chicago Corn, Sept.	68	65	65	68	up 1/4
New York Hides, June	13.50	13.37	13.39	13.50	.11 up
NEW YORK COTTON	Close	Opening	Closing	Change	
May	10.58/58	10.56/56	10.54/54	.04 off	
July	10.30/31	10.29/29	10.25/25	.05 off	
July (New contract)	10.43/43	10.41/41	10.40/40	.03 off	
October ()	9.88/88	9.84/83	9.83/83	.03 off	
December ()	9.71/72	9.68/68	9.68/68	.03 off	
January ()	9.68 N	9.68/68	9.61/61	.05 off	
March ()	9.58/58	9.51/52	9.51/51	.05 off	
Spot	10.74		10.65 N	.05 off	

Total sales Monday: 65,900 bales.

The last notice days for May cotton: 22/5/40.

	19.80 N	19.92b	.12 up
May	19.80/80	19.80/81	19.72/73
July	19.80/80	19.72/73	.12 up
September	19.07/07	19.05/05	19.22/22
December	18.75/80	18.77/78	18.91/92
January	18.74	18.65b/80a	18.86 N

Total sales: 1,830 tons.

	105/105	105/105	1/4 off
May	104/104	104/104	103/103
September	104/104	104/104	104/104

Monday's sales: 22,177,000 bushels.

	65/64	65/65	1/4 up
May	65/65	65/65	65/65
July	65/66	65/65	66/66
September	65/66	65/65	66/66

	88 1/2	88 1/2	1/4 up
May	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
July	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
September	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
December	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2

	88 1/2	88 1/2	1/4 off
May	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
July	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
September	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
December	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2

	13.39b/42a	13.31b	13.50/50	.11 up
June	13.39b/42a	13.31b	13.50/50	.11 up
September	13.66b/70a	13.66/68	13.60/61	.14 up
December	13.93b/96a	13.91b/95a	14.05/09	.12 up

	34 3/4	34 3/4	34 3/4
May	34 3/4	34 3/4	34 3/4
NY-London Cross Rate	3.41-1/8		3.37-1/8

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, May 7. The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red after 1952) 101 1/2
Canton-Kloko Rly. 5% 15
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1896 (Brit. Issue) 56
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47 52
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French 50
Loan, 1908 13
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.) 24 1/2
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1912 33 1/2
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers) 11
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% 60
Loan 15
Honan Rly. 5% 15
Hukuoang Rly. 5% 19 1/2
Eukuang Rly. 5% 19 1/2
(German Issue) 16
Lung Tsing & U. Hal Rly. 5% 1913 13
Shai-N'King Rly. 5% 21
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.) 13
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.) 13
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 13
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% 13

Turner & Newall 85/10
United Steel 23/6
Smethwick Drop Forg. 13/9
Armstrong Stevens, ord. 6/6
Pressmed Steel, com. 16/44
Vickers, ord. 17/11
Woolworths, 58/104
Anglo-Dutch 20/9
Rub. Plant. Invest. Trust 28/3
Burma Corporation 9
Commonwealth Mining 13
Marsman Investments 13
Randofield Estates 41/3
Western Holdings 14/7 1/2
Sub-Nig. 20/13
Bristol Aeroplane 14/6
Imperial Chemical Ind. 31/9
Imperial Tobacco 113/14
Marks & Spencer "A" ord. 40/74
Rolls Royce 84/74
Leyland Motors 71
Tate & Lyle 53/9

MONEY AND EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS

MAY 8, 1940.

On London:—
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 13/16
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 13/16
Credits 4 months' sight 1/3 1/8
On Shanghai:—
On demand 440
On Singapore:—
On demand 53 1/2
On Japan:—
On demand 87 3/4
On India:—
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 13/16
and demand 1/4 1/4
On New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 20 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight 21 1/8
On Batavia:—
On demand 38 3/8

On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand 108 1/2
Credits 4 months' sight 140
On Saigon:—
On demand 108 1/4
On Manila:—
On demand 41
On Bangkok:—
On demand 150
On Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate 1/4
Bar Silver per oz. 21

Market Report
FROM ROZA BROS

Silver prices dropped 1/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 21 for Ready and 20 15/16 for Forward. Silver advises the market as being very quiet. A small business was done. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402.1/2. New York-London was quoted at 337.1/2 Market

Quiet. Sterling
There were sellers at 1/27/8 May-November, buyers at 1/2-25/32 for any delivery.

U. S. Dollars
Some business was reported at 20 7/8 for Cash. The market closed with sellers at 20 7/8 Cash, 20.13/16 May and probably 20 3/4 June, buyers probably at 20.15/15 Cash and 20 7/8 first half June.

Shanghai Dollars
Sellers at 440, buyers at 422. Shanghai Market

Sellers of Sterling at 3.11/32 for Spot and U. S. Dollars at 411/16 Spot. Quietly steady.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, May 8 (Reuter). Official T.T. Rates
Opening

London 0/2-1/8
New York 4-3/8
Japan 18-3/4
India 17-1/4
Paris 2.30
Hongkong 20-7/8

Sellers
Opening Closing
Spot 0/3-5/16 0/3-11/32
May 0/3-13/34 0/3-1/4

U. S. Dollars

Spot 54-5/8 54-11/18
May 4-7/16 4-17/32
Market: Quiet.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, May 7 (Reuter). T.T. on Japan, 92-5/8.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, May 7 (Reuter). Govt. 3 1/2% Rupee, 94-12-40.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER
London, May 7 (Reuter). Silver—Market quiet. Business very small. In the afternoon, the market was very quiet. Spot, 21d. Forward: 20-15/16d.

LONDON GOLD

London, May 7 (Reuter). Bar Gold, Fine per oz, 188.

Turner & Newall 85/10
United Steel 23/6
Smethwick Drop Forg. 13/9
Armstrong Stevens, ord. 6/6
Pressmed Steel, com. 16/44
Vickers, ord. 17/11
Woolworths, 58/104
Anglo-Dutch 20/9
Rub. Plant. Invest. Trust 28/3
Burma Corporation 9
Commonwealth Mining 13
Marsman Investments 13
Randofield Estates 41/3
Western Holdings 14/7 1/2
Sub-Nig. 20/13
Bristol Aeroplane 14/6
Imperial Chemical Ind. 31/9
Imperial Tobacco 113/14
Marks & Spencer "A" ord. 40/74
Rolls Royce 84/74
Leyland Motors 71
Tate & Lyle 53/9

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

STOCKS Last Sale STOCKS Last Sale

May 7 May 7

Adams Express 74 1/2
Alleghany Steel Co. 254
Allied Stores 81
Allis Chalmers 324
Aluminum Ltd. 954
Amer. Can 114
American Cyanamid B. 37
Amer. & Foreign Power 14
Amer. & Foreign 37 pf.
American Gas & Elec. 354
Amer. Locomotive 184
Amer. Metals Co. 22
Amer. Radiator 81
Amer. Rolling Mill 144
Amer. Sm'g & R'ng Co. 484
Amer. Sugar Refining 201
Amer. Tel. & Tel. 1724
Amer. Tobacco "B" 904
Amer. Waterworks 91
Anaconda, Copper 294
Anchors, T. & F. Fe. 211
Auburn Motors 14
Aviation Corp. 74
Baldwin Locomotive 19
Baltimore & Ohio 5
Barndall Oil 114
Bell Aircraft Corp. 27
Bendix Aviation 334
Bethlehem Steel 86
Bliss & Co. 19 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co. 234
Borg-Warner 214
Bridgeport Brass Corp. 134
Briggs Mfg. 224
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans. 234
Brooklyn-Manhattan 80
Budd Manufacturing Corp. 44
Canadian Pacific Rwy. 5
Case, J.L. 67 1/2
Celanese 35
Chesapeake & Ohio 40 1/2
Chrysler Corp. 86
Climax-Molybdenum Co. 364
Colts Patent Fire-Arms 324
Columbia Gas & Elec. 61
Columbia 6% "A" pf. 87 1/2
Commercial Credit Co. 43
Com. & Southern (Ord.) 14
Consolidated Edison 314
Consolidated Oil 74
Continental Can 45
Continental Oil 234
Copperweld Steel 241
Curtiss Wright (C.) 102
Curtiss Wright "A" 294
Deers & Co. 22
Distillers Corp. Seagrams 19
Douglas Aircraft 91 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours 187 1/2
Eagle-Picher Lead 104 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co. 344
Elec. Autolite 394
Elec. Bond & Share 64
Elec. Bond & Share 55 pf. 58 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 56 pf. 68
Elec. Power & Light 57 pf. 34
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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m., May 8.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.78 ins.
Temperature, 75 F.
Humidity, 95 per cent.
Wind Direction, E.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.
Temperature; maximum yesterday, 73 F.

Temperature; minimum last night, 71 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, 0.82 ins.
Total rainfall since January 1st, 23.87 ins.
Against an average of, 13.20 ins.
Sunset tonight, 6.53 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 5.47 a.m.

4 p.m., May 8.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.72 ins.
Temperature, 81 F.
Humidity, 85 per cent.
Wind Direction, S.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.
Maximum temperature 84 F.
Minimum temperature 71 F.
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 9 to 16 May 1940.

Days of Week	Date of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Thur.	9	09 45	7.2	03 39	2.8
		23 30	4.7	17 06	0.9
Fri.	10	10 18	7.3	04 08	3.0
		—	—	17 48	0.6
Sat.	11	00 18	4.5	04 31	3.2
		10 55	7.3	18 35	0.6
Sun.	12	01 12	4.4	05 02	3.4
		11 38	7.2	19 28	1.0
Mon.	13	02 12	4.3	06 40	3.6
		12 29	6.8	20 25	1.3
Tues.	14	03 18	4.4	06 35	3.8
		13 33	8.4	21 58	1.4
Wed.	15	04 18	4.0	08 06	4.0
		14 55	8.0	22 30	1.7

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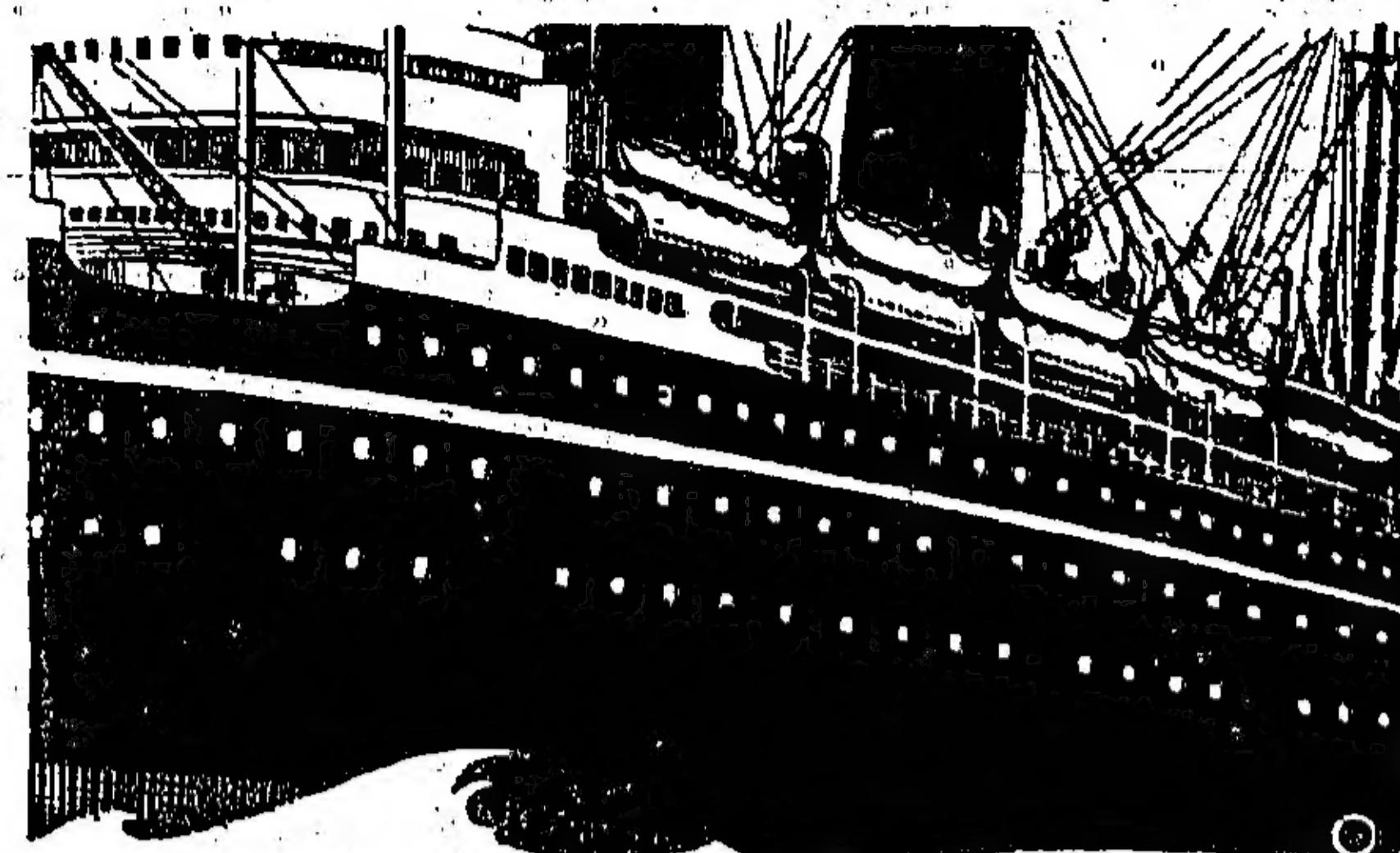
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